

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent—Special to the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle")

In Favour of Shechita—A Retirement—A Notable Record —The Viceroy of India—The King's Message—At Court.

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An excellent method of fighting anti-*Shechita* agitation and placing before legislators the case in favour of *Shechita* has been devised by Lord Swaythling, who has convened a meeting of members of both Houses of Parliament, which is to be addressed on the subject by the Chief Rabbi and others. This is a splendid move, and by it Lord Swaythling has shown a good example in this matter to other Jewish members of Parliament, particularly those in the House of Commons.

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Mr J. Bloch, who has been Manager of the Whitechapel Branch of the Jewish Colonial Trust since its opening, is retiring

on reaching the age limit. The Directors have expressed to him their thanks for his past services and the hope that he will enjoy his retirement for many years to come. Mr. Istorik, who has been for many years connected with first-class Russian banks in Russia, has been appointed Manager in place of Mr. Bloch.

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The Rev. Emanuel Spero has completed forty years' service as *Chazan* of the Central Synagogue Great Portland Street. Born in Denmark in 1854, Mr. Spero was educated at the Liverpool Jews' School and studied music at the Guildhall School. He is a gold medallist and Associate of the London Academy of Music. On the occasion of his silver jubilee, he was presented by the members of his congregation with a testimonial and a illuminated address

which testified, in appreciative terms, to his magnificent powers of rendering the synagogue services.

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Reuter's correspondent is able to contradict, on the highest authority, the statement published in a London newspaper that Lord Reading contemplates relinquishing the Viceroyalty on account of changes in the Cabinet. No change has taken place in the policy of the reforms which Lord Reading is carrying out in India. No serious differences of opinion have arisen or exist between the Government of India and the Home Government. Divergences of opinion on some points must inevitably arise between the two Governments, but it is stated that any differences which have occurred during the time of the Conservative Cabinet have not been more numerous or important than they were during the period of the Coalition.

Further, it has been ascertained that there are no grounds whatever for the statement that Lord Reading would have resigned had Lord Curzon been appointed Prime Minister. The relations



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